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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the last paragraph on page 17, lines 23 and 24 through page 18, line 6, with the following paragraph:

Specifically, 300 μ l of a first reagent, a 50 mM MES buffer (pH 6.5) containing 0.005% (40 μ M) digitonin, was added to 3 μ l of the samples. After 5 minutes, 100 μ l of a cholesterol determination reagent (a second reagent), which is a 50 mM phosphate buffer (pH 6.5) containing 1% Emulgen B-66, 1 U/ml cholesterol esterase, 1 U/ml cholesterol oxidase, 5 U/ml peroxidase, 0.04% disulfobutyl-m-toluidine, and 0.004% 4-aminoantipyrine, was added.